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Waterbody needs urgent cleanup ahead of monsoon as stench from sewage, garbage on dried up lake bed troubles citizens

SPRING CLEAN LAKES, NOW

55-acre lake revived in 2017 at a cost of Rs 1.20 cr

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Residents of P&T Colony and surrounding areas are hesitant to visit the Kowdenahalli Lake for a walk in the morning or evening. The odour emanating from stagnated sewage in the waterbody is insufferable. They also complained that accumulated garbage on the dried up lakebed is an eyesore in the area.

"Half of the lake has dried up due to lack of water. I think it is the right time for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) lakes department to clean the lake. Clearing of garbage and sewage will ensure clean water in the lake during the monsoon. I have already brought it to the notice of the BBMP lakes department. I have also volunteered to gather more volunteers to clear garbage and plastic in and around the lake," said Girish Shenoy, a resident.

Kowdenahalli Lake spread over 55 acres was developed in 2017 at an estimated cost of Rs 1.20 crore. It is said the lake looked like a swamp before the BBMP decided to revive it.

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A portion of Kowdenahalli Lake that has dried up due to lack of water

"I used to take my daughter to the lake for a walk during weekends but now I am not able to take her due to unhygienic conditions

— Vishal Krishna, resident, P&T Layout

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Take off delay at flyover

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City sees rise in animal rescues

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Odissi beats

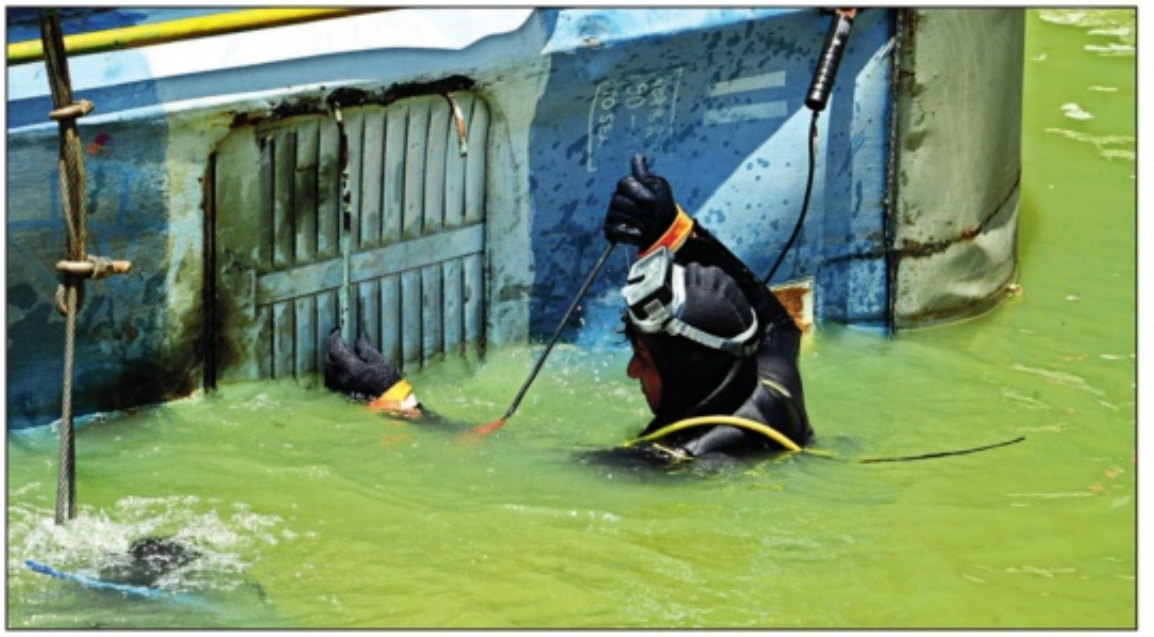
Get ready to watch noted Odissi dancer Madhulita Mohapatra and her troupe Nrityantar Dance Ensemble perform a dance ballet on the epic tale of Ramayana and their newest offering 'Shoonya to Sufi'. The new dance presentation explores the mystical philosophy of Sufism.
Where: Jagriti Theatre, Ramagondanahalli, Varthur Road, Whitefield; When: Sunday, April 16

02 Paint umbrellas

It's time to step outside with fancy umbrellas in order to beat the heat in style. But what if you could paint your umbrella? A workshop, inclusive of all materials, welcomes a parent and child to paint their own umbrella. Just make sure you are dressed in old clothes and you can take home a custom painted umbrella with yourself.
Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar
When: Saturday, April 15; 11 am - 1 pm

03 Party zone

Get ready to enjoy your Friday night at Indulge by the House of Commons. Viva La Diva ft DJ Rohit will be performing. It is also a ladies night, so enjoy your moments with your girls with complimentary drinks. DJ Rohit, known to have played at all major clubs, has also been part of the Sunburn campus quite often. **Where: Indulge by House of Commons, No 1, 24th Main, 2nd Phase, JP Nagar**
When: Friday, April 14; 8 pm



Dive in to rescue

Railways sets artificial lake to train divers for underwater rescue, under the supervision of expert trainers from external agencies

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

Flu: Feeling nauseous? It's time to see a doc

Patients infected with flu complain of gastrointestinal problems such as vomiting and diarrhea; doctors advise against self-medication

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Swine flu is reportedly causing digestive issues such as vomiting and diarrhea. These symptoms can lead to hospitalisations if they persist for over 24 hours and cause dehydration. Patients infected with H3N2 are experiencing these gastrointestinal symptoms in addition to typical flu-like symptoms such as fever and malaise.

Doctors warn of an increase in severity compared to previous flu seasons, partly due to people being protected from the influenza virus over the past three years, thanks to covid-19 appropriate behavior such as wearing masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene. Not being infected for 2-3 years has led to a situation where people do not have the antibodies necessary for herd immunity. Some doctors have reported seeing cases as early as the first week of December last year. The severity of the illness is causing occasional cases of sinusitis, acute urinary infections, viral pneumonia, and bacterial pneumonia.

Doctors are currently seeing 10-15 cases per day with these symptoms, including gastrointestinal symptoms, and expect the number of cases to increase further. They warn that the lack of covid-19 precautions, such as not wearing masks, is contributing to the spread of H3N2, which is currently on a rampage. Another factor is the sudden change in weather. While flu season disturbances of gastrointestinal disorders are not uncommon, more cases could be due to the high number of H3N2 cases.

According to experts, the virus is currently spreading fast and wide, and we will continue to see an upward trend in cases until it reaches a peak

According to a virologist, covid-19 is not directly responsible for prolonged flu cases, but the negligible cases of flu in the past three years have reduced immunity and caused the surge. Immunity against flu went down, and vulnerability to the same went up.

Doctors advise against self-medication and suggest seeking advice from a healthcare professional, taking antibiotics only when necessary, and getting a flu shot after consulting with a doctor. They also suggest masking, social distancing, and staying away from crowded places as effective strategies.

Further, they advise people not to panic as previous H3N2 outbreaks in different countries did not assume pandemic proportions but to remain vigilant.

Dr Swati Rajagopal, Consultant - Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru said, "Rising cases of covid-19, along with influenza A, B, sub variant H3N2, RSV, and adenovirus virus infection in adults have been reported in last one month. Such a volume of influenza cases was not reported in last 3 years due to emphasis on covid-19. It is more likely that omicron off spring XBB 1.15 and XBB 1.16 could be responsible for riding cases."

> **"Rising cases of covid-19, along with influenza A, B, sub variant H3N2 in adults have been reported in last one month** – Dr Swati Rajagopal

She added that these variants are reported to have greater transmissibility and infectivity. However, the pre existing immunity along with vaccination status of the community could be important factors. So far the majority of reported cases appears to have mild infection, and appear to settle in a week.

Cases will rise

QTesting of H3N2, a sub-variant of swine flu, is not happening much. According to Dr Burri Ranga Reddy, president of the Infection Control Society of India, the virus is currently spreading fast and wide, and we will continue to see an upward trend in cases until they reach a peak.

The absence of social distancing, masks, and hand hygiene makes it conducive for the virus to spread rapidly. The cases are expected to rise for the next 3-4 weeks, he said.

Citizens think on their toes to unlock the gridlock

Brookfield Layout residents crowdfund to create parking space for school visitors to ease traffic woes of area

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The residents of Brookfield Layout have come up with a simple yet effective solution to solve a traffic problem that existed near the Ryan International School by renting a vacant ground opposite to the school and turning it into a parking lot. A group of residents also volunteered to communicate about the parking space to the commuters on a daily basis to effectively reduce the traffic woes of the area.

The residents started the initiative two months ago and involved the management of the school who were equally supportive to ease the traffic issue. The volunteers reached out to the owner of the vacant land and rented the space. The residents used crowdfunding to raise Rs 35,000 as rent for the land.

So far, the residents from Brookfield layout, including the Ryan School and Brigade Group have contributed over Rs 13,62,500 for the development of the spot. The overall cost of preparation of parking lot was Rs 19,180 and two months' rent has so far been Rs 70,000. This apart, a security deposit for the parking lot has been given of 1,00,000.

RUSH HOUR TODAY, AFTER TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

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The traffic congestion in the area was partly due to people coming to drop children off in cars or bikes. They would park the vehicles on the road, causing the block. Commuters passing through the stretch would be stuck for hours together in the mornings and evenings.

Apart from making space, the residents also managed to solve the haphazard two-wheeler parking issue. The volunteers involved themselves in guiding the two-wheelers to park on one side of the road in a proper manner. The cost of creating a space for two-wheelers adjacent to Kempton Park was Rs 1,09,250.

Arvind Keerthi, resident of Brookfield layout, said, "Credit goes to our numerous, enlightened donors, who made possible the rental of the ground, its improvement into a parking lot, and also made possible the widening by 1.5 metres of a section of the road adjacent to Kempton Park to create more two-wheeler parking spaces. Equally, credit goes to our volunteers who, by shepherding two-wheelers to park on one side of the road and by directing traffic into the parking lot, have achieved nothing short of culture change: Where once people didn't want to stand in line, they now await their turn. Where once they crowded up at one spot, they now spread out over the entire available parking area. He added that the previously impenetrable clutch of Ryan's visitors dissolves in ten minutes. "Vehicles, even big ones, passing by the school's gate to head towards Dream Meadows or beyond sail through the formerly gridlocked area. Casual on-street parking which was the root cause of jams by visitors, delivery vehicles, autos, cabs, has been nearly eliminated."

They have also come up with a ploy to deter vehicles racing on the opposite lane. They will soon be placing medians that have been designed by them.

Row over dog ends in murder

One man was killed and one injured after a fight broke out in the Soladevanahalli Police Station limits. The deceased has been identified as Muniraju and the injured has been identified as Murali.

Police sources said Muniraju had complained against Pramod, who used to take his dog for a walk regularly in front of his house for creating a mess in front of the house. Based on the complaint, the police warned Pramod and Ravikumar.

The duo took this issue up with Muniraju the next day. During the commotion, Pramod, his wife Pallavi and Ravikumar attacked Muniraju with sticks. —BMB

Cop accused of harassment

A sub-inspector has been accused of misbehaving with a woman, who had gone to Suddaguntepalya police station to give a statement in a friend's divorce case.

A woman has alleged inappropriate behaviour against Suddaguntepalya police station PSI Manjunath. The woman took to Twitter and tagged the city police commissioner. In her tweet, she mentioned that when she went to the police station to file a statement regarding a friend's divorce case, Manjunath touched her hand and waist and behaved inappropriately all on the pretext of recording a statement. Apart from that, he also allegedly harassed her by sending messages on WhatsApp late at night. —BMB

Retire, but can take raise

The Supreme Court on Tuesday held government employees are entitled to annual increment even if they retire a day after earning the benefit. The verdict came on an appeal of the state government-owned Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL) challenging the judgement of a division bench of the Karnataka High Court that employees were entitled to annual increment even if they are to superannuate the very next day of earning the benefit. —PTI

Train tactics: The drug squad is right on track!

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Railway police have intensified the search for drugs on trains and have seized 175 kg of marijuana from January to April 10. Railways SP SK Sowmyalatha told BM that since January this year, 14 cases have been booked and 22 have been arrested for carrying drugs on trains. According to police, all the accused are aged below 30.

In less than two months, from March 1 to April 10, the railway police succeeded in seizing 91 kg of marijuana. "Our teams do the checks day in and day out. Just four days back, we seized about 44 kg of drugs from Bidar. We have intensified the search for drugs on the train, especially because elections are approaching. We also have check posts in and outside our stations and we have formed some teams that get on the train and randomly check passengers," said Sowmyalatha.

In a recent case, the Kalasipalya police arrested a woman who was using her children to transport marijuana in trains. The children used to travel by train to get cheap marijuana from Visakhapatnam. According to the sources, the children were able to get drugs in the train because the police didn't check their bags. This case has made the cops alert to the fact that juveniles may be engaged in transporting drugs in trains.

"A majority of the people who are getting caught are middle aged. As of now, we have not caught any minors transporting drugs. But we are finding that a lot of women are involved in transporting drugs. They hide the drugs in their luggage. People who are travelling from long distances usually think that they can carry drugs in their luggage," added Sowmyalatha.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager Kusuma Hariprasad said that though the matter pertains to Government Railway Police (GRP), in some cases Railway Protection Force (RPF) have given clues to GRP.

"The joint team detects narcotics. This year, we have detected more cases than in previous years. Our joint team thoroughly checks all passengers of trains coming from other states on suspicion. Joint teams board such trains and conduct surprise checks on the passengers in moving trains. The team is assisted by the dog squad of RPF," she said.

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Waiting for VIP visit?

Flyover on Magadi Road not being opened to public despite completion

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) constructed a flyover on Magadi Road near Lulu Mall to ensure smooth vehicular traffic. While construction of the much-delayed project was completed a few weeks ago, the authorities are yet to open it to the public. Thousands of motorists who want to proceed towards Race Course Road and other areas have to take a turn at the Magadi Road Junction and pass through Goods Shed Road or take a U-turn above the underpass on Dr Rajkumar Road Junction to proceed towards Majestic or Race Course Road.

"We have been suffering for the last two years. BBMP authorities delayed work. Now, they are not opening the flyover to the public even after completion of construction," said Giri Prasad, a commuter.

Rafiq Ahmed, an auto-rickshaw driver, said the opening of the flyover would avoid commuters wasting time and fuel. "As of now, we need around 20 minutes to reach either Race Course Road or Anand Rao Circle. If the flyover is open, we need only 10 minutes," he said. A few commuters said that the authorities may open the flyover after the State Assembly elections. They want the BBMP authorities to just remove the barricades put up at the entrance of the flyover.

The BBMP constructed this skywalk near Sangolli Rayanna Metro entrance to help pedestrians and Namma Metro commuters

"I came to know that BBMP authorities allowed motorists to use the flyover for a few days, but later it was closed. They may be waiting for a minister or any dignitary to open the flyover," said Mohan S, an auto-rickshaw driver. The BBMP has put up a caution board at the entrance of the flyover on Magadi Road advising motorists to take Old Mysore Service Road, Rajajinagar Main Entrance – Sujatha Talkies – to reach Kempegowda Bus Station due to grade separation work.

When contacted, BBMP Chief Engineer B S Prahlad said the decision to open the flyover for the public would be taken after inspection.

Skywalk waits for inauguration

The BBMP constructed a skywalk near Sangolli Rayanna Metro entrance to aid pedestrians and Namma Metro commuters reach the other side of the road adjacent to Leprosy Hospital Compound without any hassles.

"The construction of the skywalk was completed more than two months ago. It remained barricaded even after the completion of work. There may be some work pending on the other side of the road, but the skywalk can be opened to the public," said Narasimha S, a pedestrian.

Shanmugam P, another pedestrian, said the delay forces citizens to walk up to the Magadi Road Junction to reach the other side of the road.

BBMP executive engineer (Traffic Engineering Cell) was not available for comment.

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Niveditha - Advocate
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₹6.2 cr going down the lakes

According to a recent tender document by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Rs 6.2 crore has been kept aside for maintenance work of 40 lakes in various parts of the city. The detailed work orders awarded to contractors include housekeeping activities such as cleaning lake inlets and outlets, overall maintenance of the waterbody, and watering the saplings, to mention a few. However, the lakes of Bengaluru continue to stay in deplorable conditions.

One such lake in question is Subbarayakere, located near IDBI. A recent detailed report on the status of the water body reveals that maintenance work is hardly being carried out. While untreated sewage continues to enter the lake, the lake inlets are choked with all kinds of garbage.

"There is no barrier after the diversion drain to stop sewage water from entering the lake even during dry days. Moreover, the diversion channel is clogged, leading to flow reduction. This will soon lead to sewage directly entering the inlet pipe and polluting the lake waters," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist who conducted the study.

The study has also raised the issue of insufficient bund structure at the waterbody which might lead to flooding in adjoining areas and seepage in the walking path (leading to its collapse).

"In case of heavy rains, the bund may encourage infiltration (groundwater recharge) and increase soil moisture. This will slow down movement of rainwater from the nearby catchment into the lake. This can lead to flooding in adjoining areas," added Pachhapur.

Trees in the lake area have also received damage over time due to various development activities. While branches have been cut using heavy machines sustaining irreparable damage, some trees have also been unnecessarily chopped.

"Trees provide food and habitat to birds. Maintenance should look at burrowing branches in the lake be to let birds perch and preen," he said.

Experts say a mesh can be installed at inlets to prevent plastics from entering the lake. It is also necessary that the lake maintenance team looks into the inlets clogging and releases it regularly. — BMB

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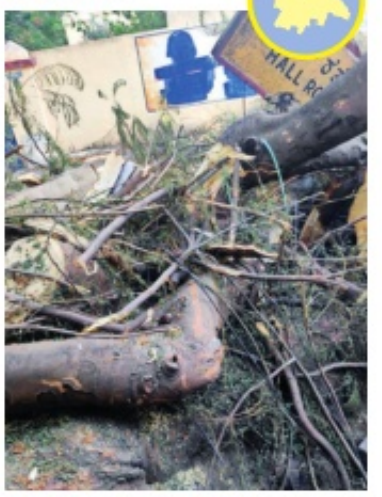

BBMP is not responding to requests for cleaning a tree, electric pole, and camera pole lying on the road in Hall Road near.

Sorry state

Kudlu Gate junction

This is the state of the road in Kudlu Gate junction, near St. Patrick's school, Sarjapur Road.

Obstruction

Jayanagar

An abandoned car has been lying on 7th Main, opposite Brindavan Garden, 5th block, Jayanagar, for a long time. It has a traffic police wheel lock.

Feast for foodies and shopaholics

During Ramadan, Bluru loves to hit stalls selling Iftar delicacies and shops to buy fineries to look their best

Ramadan is a "holy month in the Islamic calendar, during which Muslims observe fasts from dawn to dusk". This period is also known for its delicious food and traditional shopping experiences. Bengaluru has a large Muslim community who apart from religiously praying in the holy month also indulge themselves in various delicacies. Many food stalls are set up across the city during Ramadan, which draw Muslims and non-Muslims alike, and many also spend time shopping to get their favourite outfits and look their best on Eid ul-Fitr.

During Ramadan, Muslims break their fast at sunset with a meal known as Iftar. In Bengaluru, there are many stalls selling a variety of Iftar delicacies such as "dates, samosas, kebabs, biryanis, haleem, the famous pathar gosh, and a large variety of flavored sharbats (refreshing drink made with milk and dry fruits)." The Mosque Road in Frazer Town, Thanisandra, Richards Town, and HSR layout are some of the popular Iftar destinations in Bengaluru.

Haleem is a popular dish made with stewed meat and pounded wheat along with lentils. Many restaurants and street vendors in Bengaluru serve Haleem during Ramadan, and it is a must-try dish for food lovers. Another popular dish during Ramadan is Sheer Khurma, a sweet dish made with vermicelli, milk, and sugar, and garnished with nuts and dried fruits.

Ramadan is also a time for shopping in Bengaluru, with markets and shopping areas buzzing with activity. Many special food and shopping festivals are being organized in the city. These festivals feature vendors selling everything from clothes and jewelry to spices and perfumes. One of the unique experiences of Ramadan shopping in Bengaluru is the night markets. These markets open after sunset and offer a range of products, including traditional clothes, henna tattoos, and perfumes.

Apart from these, some other famous dishes served during Ramadan in Bengaluru include "Nihari made with beef or lamb and cooked with a variety of spices, resulting in a flavourful and aromatic stew. It is often served with naan or sheermal bread. Next, shami kebab that is made with ground meat, shaped into patties, and fried until crispy. Mutton Chaap is a dish that is made with lamb ribs that are marinated in a blend of yogurt, spices, and herbs. The ribs are then grilled or roasted until tender and flavorful. The refreshing Falooda is a cold, sweet drink that is popular during Ramadan and is made with vermicelli, milk, rose syrup, and basil seeds. Dahi vada is a popular snack that is also eaten during Ramadan in Bengaluru to cool the stomach."

Waseem Memon, who runs a Facebook group called Foodies of Bengaluru, says that for those who enjoy food, the month of Ramadan presents a fantastic opportunity to sample a variety of cuisine in one area rather than travelling to other locations. "Home chefs and part-time cooks have the chance to expand their networks this month by becoming more visible to a wider clientele and selling products to them. Visitors also get a chance to visit these markets for the experience and taste the quality cuisine," he said.

—Prakash VL

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Saree situation: 'Not for voters'

Congress leader Ramalinga Reddy clears the air around sarees seized in daughter's car; says they have provided all required information to election officials

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Police officers examine vehicles at a highway checkpoint in Bengaluru (File photo). Ramalinga Reddy (inset)

Seven-time Congress MLA and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president Ramalinga Reddy said that sarees seized by election officials from his daughter's car were not meant for distribution among the voters but were purchased to give as gifts to the relatives attending his son's marriage.

"Those sarees were purchased during my son's wedding. We have the bills for those sarees. We paid the GST too. Now, the investigation is on and we have provided all the information to the election officials. I am of the opinion that a mistake is a mistake whether it is committed by my daughter or myself," said Ramalinga Reddy.

Elections officials had seized the car belonging to Congress MLA Sowmya Reddy, the daughter of Ramalinga Reddy on last Thursday when they found some sarees allegedly meant for distributing among the voters.

"My daughter has forgotten about the sarees kept in the car's trunk during my son's marriage. My daughter did no wrong," he added.

Interacting with media persons at a 'Meet the Press' programme, organised by Bangalore Reporters' Guild and Press Club of Bangalore on Tuesday, Ramalinga Reddy said that he has all qualifications to become the Chief Minister of Karnataka but not in the race for the Chief Minister's post.

"Three to four leaders are in the forefront for the Chief Minister's post. It is for the Congress high command to select one of them as the Chief Minister for Karnataka if Congress comes to power," he informed.

The KPCC Working President has opined that it would be good for Congress leaders to be quiet till the outcome of the State Assembly elections.

The Congress party has fulfilled all its promises made during the previous Assembly elections. We made around 100 promises and fulfilled all of them. However, the BJP did not fulfill 10 per cent of its promises. They made around 600 promises but fulfilled not more than 60 promises, he explained.

Furthermore, he said that Congress believes in the welfare of all sections of the society, it has worked hard for the welfare of the needy and economically backward classes in society. The party wants to help all sections of the society. Congress encourages Brahmins, Vokkaligas, Lingayats, and backward classes.

Answering a query on corruption, he said it would be difficult to wipe out corruption.

Pre-poll wrap: What's Karnataka up to?

HC on election gifts

Ordering the release of rice bags seized from a social worker in Bengaluru, the Karnataka High Court has clarified that the election officers have the authority to search and confiscate materials only after the elections are announced.

Justice M Nagaprasanna in his recent judgment on a petition filed by Isthiyak Ahmed, held that the Returning Officer or the election officials do not have any jurisdiction to search or seize any material before the announcement of elections.

Merely because they are appointed as officers for conduct of elections, they cannot use the said power before the declaration of elections, the court noted.

"After the declaration of elections, the entire domain would be open, but not till then. Seizure is to be exercised by the authority/ officers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, under normal circumstances. The Returning Officer and the Inspector of Police, who have conducted the search in the case at hand, were not vested with such authority and their action is therefore, illegal."

Ahmed, a resident of Shivajinagar in the city approached the HC after the Returning Officer of Shivajinagar seized 530 bags of rice of 25 kg each from his residence on March 19, 2023.

Despite the reply to the notice by the Returning Officer the rice bags were not returned. He claimed that he was a social worker, who distributed rice to the needy during festivals and the rice seized from him was meant for that.

Ahmed was directed to file an indemnity bond that he will not break the model code of conduct during the election.

"As observed hereinabove, the very seizure is without jurisdiction. But, the situation now is that the elections are declared. Therefore, to say that the petitioner should not use these materials for distribution after release of stock, the petitioner was directed to indemnify the stock by filing an affidavit before this Court."

"A mandamus issued to the respondents to release the seized rice bags to the custody of the petitioner forthwith, with the rider that the petitioner shall abide by the afore-quoted conditions," the Court ordered. PTI

'BJP insulting Yediyurappa'

Targeting the BJP over reports that BS Yediyurappa was kept out of a meeting by its central leadership to finalise candidates for the May 10 Assembly elections in Karnataka, the Congress said the ruling party was using the former Chief Minister as a "disposable tissue paper".

Citing a media report which claimed that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda held a closed door meeting in Delhi on Monday with state leaders keeping out Yediyurappa, the party termed it a "grave insult" to the senior Lingayat leader.

"It is a grave insult to a senior leader of the Lingayat community to hold a meeting with other state leaders by excluding BS Yediyurappa. BSY, who was elected by BJP in Karnataka, did not get a chair in the BJP's meeting? Does he not have freedom to decide on a ticket? BSY has become the BJP's disposable tissue paper," the Congress tweeted. PTI

Eshwarappa retires: 'Don't consider my name for elections'

Senior BJP leader and former Karnataka deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa on Tuesday told the party's central leadership that he wishes to retire from electoral politics and requested it to not consider fielding him from any constituency in the Assembly polls next month.

The decision of the former state unit president, who played a key role along with BS Yediyurappa in building the party in the state over the last four decades, came in the midst of the BJP finalising its list of candidates for the elections.

"I wish to voluntarily retire from electoral politics. Hence, it is my request not to consider my name for any constituency for the Assembly elections this time," the former Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council said in a letter to BJP President JP Nadda.

Eshwarappa, who resigned as minister last year over a corruption charge, expressed his gratitude to the seniors in the party who gave him honourable positions in his 40-year political career right from booth level to the deputy Chief Minister.

The 74-year-old Kuruba leader, also known for his controversial statements, is a five-time MLA from Shivamogga, and has served as minister holding various portfolios. Kurubas come under the OBC category in the state.

The announcement came amid speculations that the central leadership was weighing the option of denying him ticket for the polls.

There were also some reports that he had proposed the name of his son KE Kantesh for the Shivamogga seat.

Eshwarappa would turn 75 in June, the unofficial age bar in the BJP for leaders to contest polls and hold official positions. Though there have been occasional exceptions as well.

Eshwarappa quit as the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister after a contractor Santosh Patil killed himself a year ago in a hotel room in Udupi accusing him in his suicide note of demanding 40 per cent commission for awarding civil works in Belagavi.

Later, a probe by the police gave him a clean chit. He demanded a ministerial berth after he was absolved of the charges but the party did not pay heed to it.

He was associated with the RSS from the beginning and was an active member of the ABVP. PTI

1 cm of rain can cause floods in B'luru

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The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) recently sent a report to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) identifying 226 locations in the city that are prone to flooding during rainfall. According to the report, even just one centimetre of rainfall can cause flooding in some areas. The report has classified the areas into different zones based on the impact of rainfall. For instance, if there is one centimetre of rainfall at Panathur main road or Vibgyor High School road, Thubarahalli, then specific portions of the area are prone to flooding.

The report also indicates that Kalyan Nagar ring road is prone to flooding if there is 3 cm of rainfall. If the rainfall exceeds 4 cm, then areas like KR Puram, Mahadevapura, Vignan Nagar, ITPB main road, and Tin factory become vulnerable. In case of more than 5 cm, Bellandur, HAL second stage, and Doddanekkundi become vulnerable. If the rain exceeds 10 cm, areas like Ramangaondanahalli, Gangothri road, Hennur road, and Yemalur, Horamavu, and Vidyapeeta circle become vulnerable. The KSNDMC has identified 226 hypersensitive points, out of which the most vulnerable points are in the East zone, followed by West and South (40 each), Mahadevapura and Bommanahalli (24 each), RR Nagar (23), Yelahanka (11), and Dasarahalli (three).

The first major rainfall of the year has once again exposed the city's infrastructure. Heavy rainfall has inundated roads, causing inconvenience to vehicle users who were stuck at major junctions in the last two nights. Even the much-talked-about Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway saw multiple accidents as a portion of the road was completely covered in water.

This report also indicates Kalyan Nagar ring road is prone to flooding if there is 3 cm of rainfall

The KSNDMC report provides the exact location of the places with geo-location so that the BBMP can take action. BBMP claims to have fixed 70 percent of the places identified in the report. However, the last few spells of rainfall have already exposed the city's poor infrastructure and rain preparedness. Waterlogging was earlier reported at many underpasses on the outer ring road on Friday night. Residents are worried about how traffic will be affected as Bengaluru moves towards the rainy season in the next few months.

Netizens are of the opinion that this was just a trailer of the upcoming monsoon, and if BBMP fails to take action, things are only going to get worse.

Dry weather to continue

The city's temperature is likely to be hot along with dry weather for the next few days. Maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to be around 34 and 22 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Problems in animal kingdom

Heat brings sharp rise in animal rescues; rescuers have issues too

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Animal rescuers are seeing a sharp rise in calls coming from citizens to rescue birds, snakes, monkeys

The sudden increase in heat in the city has brought two things to the fore: a spike in cases of animal rescues and the pending honorarium for animal rescuers.

Animal rescuers are seeing a sharp rise in calls coming from city dwellers to rescue birds, snakes, and monkeys. Experts are associating the change with seasonal changes in the environment as well as with the animals.

A senior animal rescuer in the city said, "Cases of bird and snake rescue have shot up in the past week. We have been getting plenty of calls for black kites and owls. We are getting around 100 calls per day, but we only rescue snakes if they are present inside human shelters. Most of the calls come from fringes of the central city like Vidyaranyapura, Mahadevapura, and Kengeri, but we are also getting calls from Malleshwaram, MG road, and Cubbon Park."

A city-based animal rescue NGO also concurred that there has been a rise in cases. "In the past three months, we have seen a 25 per cent increase in rescue numbers. Black kites are getting dehydrated and falling. An increasing number of macaques are getting electrocuted, possibly due to dehydration and search for a water source," said Dr Nawaz Sharif, chief veterinarian, and general manager of PFA.

He added that seasonally, snakes appear, and now, it is their mating season. "During winters, they hibernate and mate during summers. Younglings will hatch during the monsoon. Additionally, the snakes would also crawl into cold spaces due to the heat.

However, he added that the public need not panic about snakes entering human premises. "These are not the same snakes in the wild and have been part of the urban landscape for a long time. They know when to come out and interact with humans," he added. Parks, lakes, and empty plots are natural habitats for these snakes.

Citizens can call the helpline number 1926 to report sightings of animals, and they will be rescued by trained rescuers and released into the wild.

Rescuers say that the new SOP for handling snakes issued by the Karnataka Forest Department to ensure the safety of snake rescuers has not yet been implemented in full swing.

"Due to pollution in lakes, birds don't have water to drink. We are rescuing dehydrated birds. Monkey menace is also on the rise. With the monkeys not finding food outside, they are entering homes and looting food from human shelters. Snakes hiding in drains will come out after evening. We are getting several complaints daily," said Rahul (name changed), a volunteer animal rescuer working under BBMP.

"Under BBMP, there are 32 animal rescue volunteers, out of which seven members were chosen for the honorarium based on financial stability. But in the future, the number of people under honorarium was not expanded. The seven members continue to get paid annually," said another volunteer animal rescuer working under BBMP.

"Last year, I got my pending honorariums for the past three years together, and it had become difficult during that period. I have received payment until November, and a few more months are pending. We have been informed that payment will be processed soon," said Rahul.

"Last year, I got my pending honorariums for the past 3 years together, and it had become difficult during that period – Animal rescuer

Rescuers say that they have to submit proof of the rescue conducted even at night, and at times officials contest honorariums on this basis. They have to use our phones and haven't been provided any specific phone for documentation.

BENGALURU

'Rs 1k cr bogus expenditure'

The Income-tax department has detected "bogus" expenditure and alleged financial irregularities worth Rs 1,000 crore after it raided some cooperative banks in poll-bound Karnataka sometime ago, the CBDT said Tuesday.

The searches at 16 premises of these banks were launched on March 31 as the department suspected them to be "engaged in routing of funds of various business entities of their customers, in a manner, so as to abet them to evade their tax liabilities".

The CBDT said in a statement that cash of more than Rs 3.3 crore and jewellery worth Rs 2 crore was seized during the searches.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is the administrative body for the I-T department.

"The seized evidence revealed that these cooperative banks were involved in rampantly discounting bearer cheques issued by various business entities, in the name of various fictitious non-existing entities" the CBDT said.

These business entities included contractors, real estate companies, etc. and no KYC norms were followed while discounting such bearer cheques, it alleged.

The tax department found that the amounts after discounting were credited in the bank accounts of certain cooperative societies maintained with these banks.

"It was also detected that some cooperative societies subsequently withdrew funds in cash from their accounts and returned the cash to business entities."

"The purpose of such discounting of a large number of cheques was to mask the real source of the cash withdrawal, and to enable the business entities to book bogus expenses7," it said.

In this modus operandi, the department said, cooperative societies have been used as a "conduit". "Evidence seized during the search revealed that unaccounted cash loans of over Rs 15 crore have been given to certain persons/customers," it said.

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Choked lakes: What's the plan, BBMP?

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

However, the condition of the lake has shifted back to square one within six years of the revival, in the absence of an appropriate maintenance regime as is the case with almost all waterbodies in Bengaluru.

"BBMP lakes department has not done anything for the development of the lake; people are not able to visit the lake due to the odour emanating from stagnated sewage and accumulated garbage. I used to take my daughter to the lake for a walk during the weekends but now I am not able to take her due to unhygienic conditions," said Vishal Krishna, a resident of P&T Layout.

The residents noted that visiting the lake is not safe for children and senior citizens. They said the children's play equipment set up at the lake is not in good condition and unfit for use. "BBMP lakes department should maintain the lake properly. Bad odour and mosquitoes have become a health hazard for children and senior citizens. Broken and damaged slides pose danger for unwary children," said Praveen KR, a resident of P&T Layout.

Emphasising the need to take measures to prevent sewage entering the lake, activist Balaji Raghotham complained that a few people from a nearby slum broke the waste weir.

"I request the BBMP lakes department to construct the waste weir and take measures to prevent sewage flowing into the lake. I want the BBMP authorities to ensure a comprehensive development plan for the lake," said Balaji Raghotham.

Meanwhile, executive engineer at the BBMP lakes department Bhuprada said the civic body gave its nod for the development of Kowdenahalli Lake at an estimated cost of Rs 1.50 crore.

"We have decided to construct a sluice gate at Kowdenahalli Lake. The other plan is for the rectification of the main bund of the lake. The work will begin soon," said the executive engineer.

On the poor condition of the play equipment at the children play area, the engineer has given assurance to attend to the problem. "I will look into the matter," she said.

Work on to make world-class halt at Yeshwanthpur

First phase of renovation of railway station is likely to be over by June 2025

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The first phase of the Rs 380-crore renovation of the Yeshwanthpur railway station is expected to be completed by June 2025. The revamp work of the station started two months ago.

After the revamp, the Yeshwanthpur railway station is projected to be a world-class, airport-like station on the line of Sir MV Terminal. However, phase one of the revamp work was started recently and accordingly, the 3rd entry of the station will be closed from April 11, 2023.

South Western Railways ADRM (Bengaluru division) Kusuma Hariprasad said, "The renovation work started two months ago and renovation of the service buildings was taken up. Today, we are starting phase one of the renovation work. The renovation work will be conducted phase-wise. Currently, work is happening on the third entry side and it will be closed off to visitors as work is progress on escalators, lifts, etc."

In a press statement, railways officials requested passengers to use first entry on Platform 1 (Yeshwanthpur Market) side and second entry on Platform No.6 (Tumkur Road) side for their movement. Nearly 2 lakh people use the station for commuting daily.

Railways has given the contract for renovating the station to Girdhar Lal, who has bagged the work for Rs 380 crore. Railways are also redeveloping the Cantonment Railway Station under Gati Shakti at an estimated cost of Rs 45.28 crore. The Gati Shakti Unit was formed in May 2022 to fast-track construction works.

The plan

Both stations are being developed into stations with world-class facilities. Every station will have a spacious roof plaza (36/72/108 m) with all passenger amenities in one place along with spaces for retail, cafeterias, and recreational facilities. Both sides of the city will be connected with the station, with the station building on both sides of the railway tracks.

The station will be equipped with facilities like a food court, waiting lounge, a play area for children, a place for local products, etc. The stations will have a city centre-like space inside the premises. There will be proper illumination, lifts/escalators/travelators, wayfinding/signages, and acoustics. A detailed master plan has been prepared for smooth movement of traffic, with adequate parking facilities. The stations will be integrated with other modes of transportation like the metro, bus etc.

The buildings will be built using green building techniques, utilising solar energy, water conservation/recycling and improved tree cover. The stations will be architectured to meet the requirements of the disabled. There will be segregation of arrival/departures area, clutter-free platforms, improved surfaces, and fully covered platforms. The stations will be safe with the installation of CCTV and access control.

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HOME, SWEET, HOME

Here's how your home affects your child's development

Regardless of how good or bad our day was outside, we always value the tranquil setting we enjoy at home. Because a house is a place where we can be ourselves without worrying about anything else, everyone, especially children, needs a safe and healthy home environment.

"Their house's atmosphere shapes their vision of the outside world, including people's behaviour, the role of gender, communication, values, and beliefs, and how they should be treated by others. Everything contributes to the development of the child's personality," says Dr. V . Atchara, Child Development Consultant and Child Psychotherapist and creator of Bump2Cradle who feels an unstable home does not always relate to a safe setting. An unstable home is one in which a child is constantly pressured to perform better, their wants are not acknowledged, and they are unable to express their true feelings. "They have a negative impact on a baby's development, both physically and intellectually. Tantrums in kindergarten are created by such a toxic and domineering family atmosphere, and the worst-case scenario could lead to criminal behaviour in adolescence," she adds.

Find out ways to give your child a healthy home

Nurture An Attachment

The relationship your child has with you allows them to understand and express their sentiments of affection and anxiety. A strong attachment during their formative years will boost their self-esteem. Spend enough time showing your child that you love them, listening to them, and acknowledging their issues in order to develop an attachment with them. It is also critical to respect their wishes and avoid comparing their accomplishments to those of others.

Treat Them The Correct Way

The attachment between parents and the picture they project of themselves to their child predicts the child's future relationship patterns and status as a partner in adolescence. When a youngster observes healthy interactions between his or her parents and family, he or she will adopt healthy characteristics.

> **The relationship your child has with you allows them to understand and express their sentiments**

Learning Starts At Home

Parents are a child's first teachers, and the environment they offer for their children to develop their talents is crucial during their growing up phase. If your child lives in a happy and comfortable environment, they will be more focused on their education. Developing a child's interest is also part of the learning process. As a result, a home environment that allows a child to play and participate in extracurricular activities will sharpen their thinking and broaden their personal skill development spectrum.

Smart Choices, Not Smartphones

A child's familiarity with cellphones, laptop computers, and other smart products is now very normal. Children are like sponges, absorbing everything they see or encounter. As a result, it is critical for parents to ensure that their children do not become unduly reliant on these smart devices, elevating them above the offline world. Nonetheless, limited screen time is appropriate because becoming acquainted with current technology is part of their development.

Good Food, Good Mood

The market is filled with junk products that appear to be quite appealing to children. Kids quickly grow addicted to fast food, and we all know how bad it is to eat fast food every day. A short bite is fine on occasion, but should be limited for children under 10. Teach your child the importance of a nutrient-dense diet. This is done to assist kids build a healthy relationship with food and to allow them to select appropriate foods as they grow older.

Power Of Hugs

Young children require a wide range of sensory stimulation for optimum development. Hugging, holding, and skin-to-skin contact are excellent strategies to help your child develop a healthy brain and a strong body. Hugs contribute to a child's emotional growth as well as their physical and brain development. Children are prone to tantrums and outbursts due to their inability to manage their emotions. By hugging them during these emotionally charged moments, you can calm them down and let them know you're there for them.

by Kayalvizhi Arivalan, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Don't brush this off!

If you use makeup brushes often, you ought to know that you need to clean them frequently. Dirty makeup brushes harbour many bacteria and germs and can cause a whole host of skin problems from acne to skin infections. If you're wondering how to clean your brushes, here's a primer.

How often should you wash your brushes?

After every use, brushes should be washed weekly, and if you're using more cream and liquid products. You should also wipe them after every use and avoid sharing makeup tools with friends.

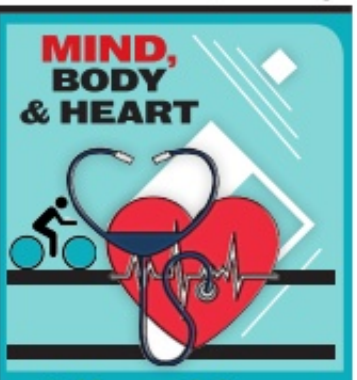
How to wash brushes

If you have a specialised brush cleaner product, well and good. Else, baby soap or shampoo works well. Invest in a brush cleaning mat if you can to get the product out of the brush. Do not soak your brushes in a mug or glass as that will loosen the glue that binds the bristles to the brush. Instead, run water on the bristles to get rid of makeup. Using your fingers gently squeeze out the water from the bristles, and avoid wringing or shaking the brush.

How to dry them

After rinsing them, ensure that you store them flat on a towel or tray and in a clean, dry place. Avoid storing your brushes in a brush holder if you have a lot of dust entering your room.

—By Karen Alfonso, Femina



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I split up with my ex two years ago when our daughter was three. He was a nightmare, especially during the pandemic, and I have no doubts that we're better apart. I've been seeing someone seriously for about 10 months and I'm happy. My daughter turns five next week and we're having a big family party with my ex's parents (who are lovely and supportive) and my mum and dad, plus siblings. My problem is, my ex called me this week and said he was bringing his new girlfriend along. I'm just annoyed that he's sprung this on me and I feel awkward about her being at the party when I don't even know how serious he is about her. Am I overthinking all of this?

COLEEN SAYS

Well, don't let the fact your ex is bringing a plus one spoil it. There will be plenty of other people at the party, and I'm sure your daughter won't focus on this woman. So, even if she doesn't last, it won't feel like a big issue.

However, the fact he's bringing her suggests he wants her to get to know his family and his daughter, and that he is serious about their relationship. It's unexpected, but I think you should rise above it, be polite and friendly, and just get on with enjoying the party. Don't make an issue out of it. I imagine this woman will be nervous being in your company and want to create a good impression. I think the past issues with your ex (and perhaps ongoing ones over how much he keeps in touch) is what's upsetting you. So, maybe that's a conversation for you to have another time. Tell him you need to talk to him about how things are going, explain what you're not happy about, and figure out how co-parenting could be improved. It sounds like you're taking on the lion's share of the responsibility, which is frustrating, but you have support from his family.

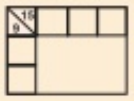
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

How many words can be made by rearranging aabbccdd, such that, no 'a' appears somewhere to the right of some 'c' ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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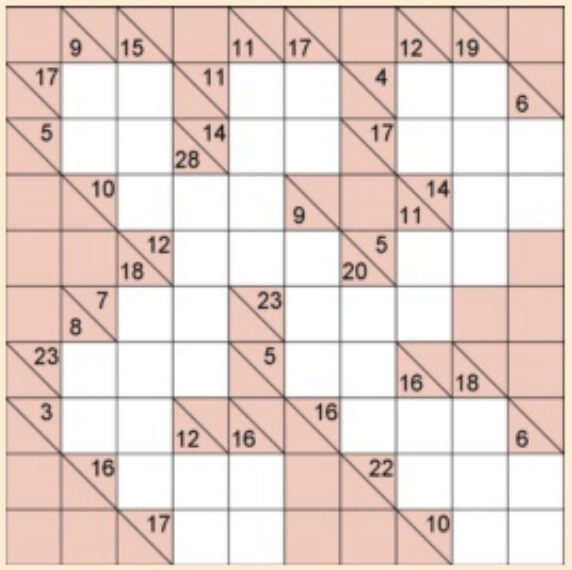

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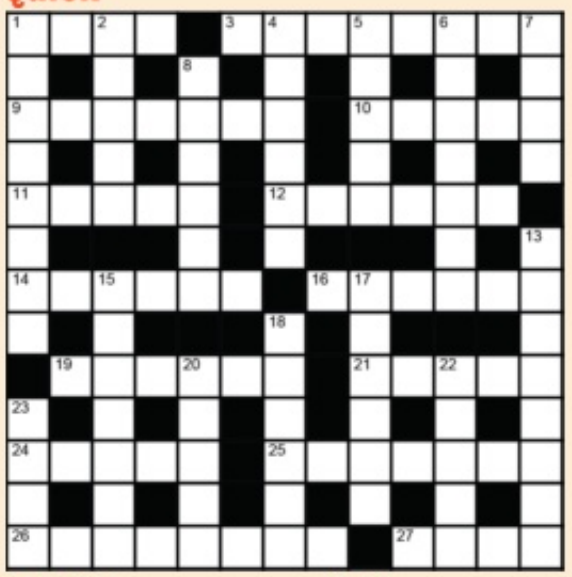

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1 Renown (4)
3 Makes better (8)
9 Musical flourish (7)
10 Advanced furtively (5)
11 Jungle vine (5)
12 Short scarf or necktie (6)
14 Tame polecat (6)
16 Chest of drawers (6)
19 Hindu hermitage (6)
21 Merchandise (5)
24 Deduce, discern or learn (5)
25 Badly brought up, uncouth? (3-4)
26 Freed from anxiety (8)
27 Dressed (4)

DOWN

1 Cosmetic surgery (8)
2 News sources (5)
4 Subtlety (6)
5 Sport venue (5)
6 Of the same family (7)
7 Faction (4)
8 Employ (6)
13 Abated, decreased or let up (8)
15 ___ Market: Market In Shivajinagar (7)
17 Sick or ailing (6)
18 Drink or absorb (6)
20 Firing distance (5)
22 Not urban (5)
23 Laboratory gel (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS H

X GXF YD XQIEYF DYBQZV EFIY X OIXIZ YD IPYWHPI EO WFPXLLR WFIEN PZ QXF HZI YWI YD EI.

Linemaro

I Wish I was your blanket, I wish I was your bed, I wish I was the pillow under your head

Mindchow

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting

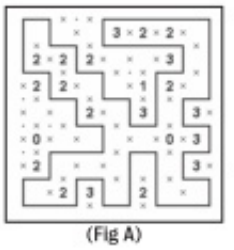
Joke of the day

By the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere

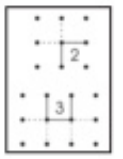
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



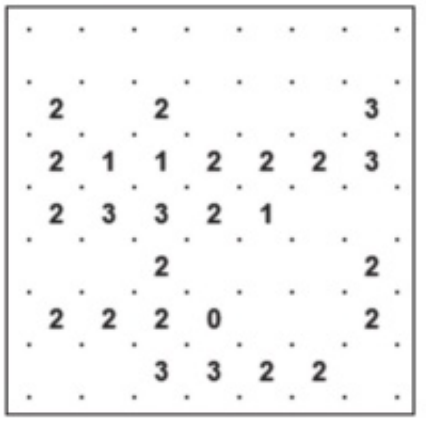
(Fig A)



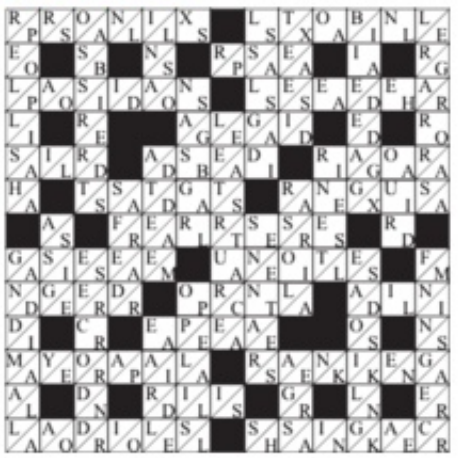
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



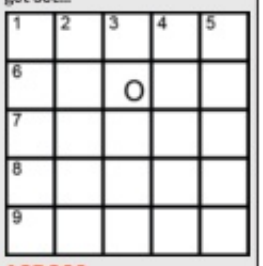
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Ere GP; 6 Ex Doe;
7 Trust; 8 A race;
9 Sawed

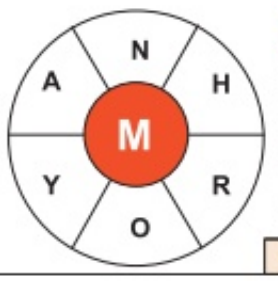
DOWN

1 Wears; 2 Taxer;
3 Doper; 4 Deuce;
5 Stage

Mensapuzzle

Find a boxing term made up of six letters outside the star and six letters inside the star.

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

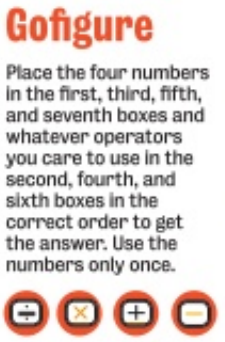
SudokuChallenge

		1				7		
			1	9	7			
9	3			8			4	1
4	1						7	6
		3	5		4	9		
8	9						5	4
7	5			6			8	2
			7	5	9			
		4				5		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 17
2 3 5 7

Medium = 8
2 3 6 9

Hard = 1
2 3 7 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Window is smaller. 2. Purse is larger. 3. Top hat is shorter. 4. Stone in wall is missing. 5. Top of veil is different. 6. Boutonniere is higher.

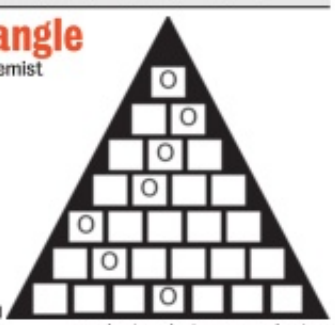
Riddler

Using the following hints, how can you get from the first word to the fourth word to the seventh word? Word 2 is a synonym of Word 1. One letter of the second word has been changed to make Word 3. Word 3 was changed to present tense to make Word 4. Word 5 is a synonym of Word 4. One letter was removed from Word 5 to make Word 6. Word 7 is a synonym of Word 6.

Giant _____ _____ Bite _____ _____ Chop

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 Nah
3 Quite a while
4 Ice-cream holder
5 In reserve (2,3)
6 Arch keystone
7 Reverberating



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

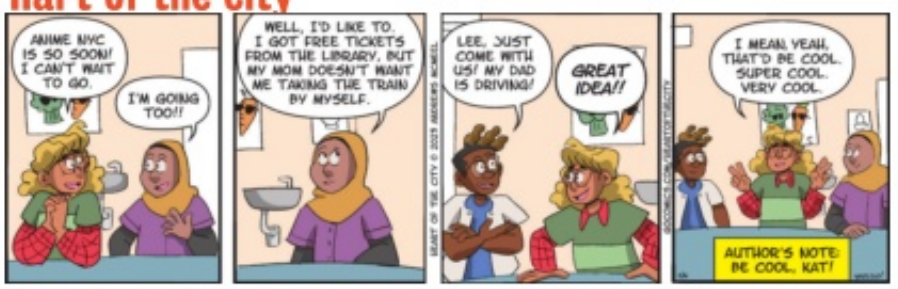
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

And now, a message from the National Council on Old Linguini:
IT'S PASTA EXPIRATION DATE
This has been a message from the National Council on Old Linguini.

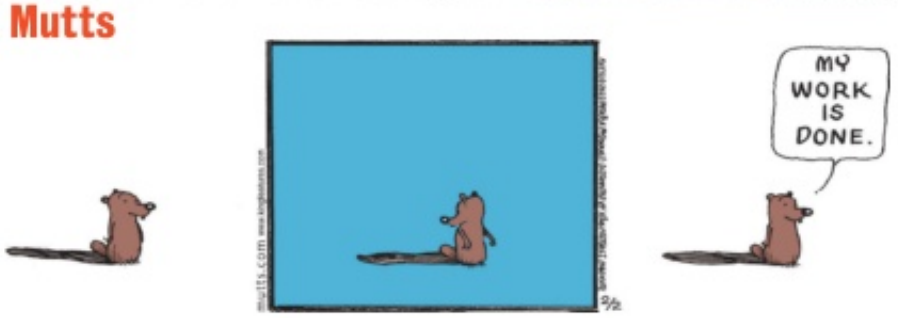
Hart of the city


ANIME NYC IS SO SOON! I CAN'T WAIT TO GO.
I'M GOING TOO!!
WELL, I'D LIKE TO. I GOT FREE TICKETS FROM THE LIBRARY, BUT MY MOM DOESN'T WANT ME TAKING THE TRAIN BY MYSELF.
LEE, JUST COME WITH US! MY DAD IS DRIVING!
GREAT IDEA!!
I MEAN, YEAH, THAT'D BE COOL. SUPER COOL. VERY COOL.
AUTHOR'S NOTE: BE COOL, KAT!

Crankshaft

GREAT NEWS, LADIES... WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AT THE OHIO MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
FUNDRAISING FOR NEW CHOIR ROBES?
BINGO!

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, some dissatisfaction may come into your mind. You may feel lazy and dull, and it may affect your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making any important decisions in terms of marriage. Job seekers may experience disappointments in terms of interviews.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your internal power may make you happy. You may get short-term gains in terms of investments. You may establish a good relationship with your boss, and promotions may be on the horizon. Your prestige in society may increase, and you may also expect some work-related travels.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. Your hard work may lead to a high position, and your performance in work may improve. You may also meet some influential people who can give you good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be happy, and things may be better. You may plan to visit some religious places, which may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to a charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may find their match suitable, and singles are likely to find their soul mate.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, which can affect your way of working. There may be some delay in completing your projects, which may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rush driving. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of finding a new job.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you, and things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in partnership and expect some long-distance travel. You will build faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may perform your best in the office, and you may have good bonding with your boss. You may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions, and chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work, and disputes with your siblings may be resolved. Job seekers may find a new job.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your kids' education may keep you busy, and you may plan for their higher studies as well. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may think to update yourself and make some plans for higher studies to get a promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soul mate, and natives related to education, consulting, and banking may do better.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dissatisfied, and you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss, and you are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elder's health may make you upset, and it is advised to postpone house renovation for a while.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy at work, and your network may increase. With the help of your network, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership and may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will improve.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy with your family and friends and may feel happy to enjoy their company. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may control your expenditures on worthless stuff and buy some worthwhile things, which may increase your social status.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may receive blessings from an elder which will help you improve your patience. Your focus may return, enabling you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of both business and domestic life. Additionally, you may be able to balance your expenditures and savings, which could boost your savings in the long run.

KIDZONE

S Rakshitha, 8 Years, Green Wood Public School

Rohini R Reddy, 9 Years, Delhi Public School (East)

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
If the position of B's and d's are fixed, then the position of the remaining are uniquely determined by the restriction. E.g.
b _ d _ b _ d = baabcbcd
(See that if b and must be where they are, then we can't move a nor c to any other places)
Thus, it suffices to first choose 2 positions of B available for B's and then 2 positions for d's, which can be done in 8C(2,2,4) - 8!/(2!2!4!) = 420 words.

RIDDLER
Giant to Big to Bit to Bite to Chew to Hew to Chop.

FAST FIVE

R	E	P	E	G
E	X	O	D	E
S	T	R	U	T
A	R	E	C	A
W	A	D	E	S

STRIKE OUT

L	A	D	I	E	S		H	A	N	G	A	R		
A	N		R	L	S		G		N		E			
M	Y	O	P	I	A		R	A	K	I	N	G		
I		C		E	P	E	E		S		N			
N	E	E	R		O	C	T	A		A	L	I		
A	S	S	A	N		U	N	I	T	E		F		
S		F	A	L	L	E	R	S		D				
H		S	A	D	A	T		A	N	G	U	S		
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L	A	I	D	O	N		L	E	A	D	E	R		
O	S		S		R	A	F		A		A		R	
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QUICK

R	E	L	I	E	V	E	D		C	L	A	D		
A		L		G		B		L		A		E		
G	L	E	A	N		I	L	L	B	R	E	D		
A		S		A		B		E		U		I		
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F	A	M	E		E	N	H	A	N	C	E	S		

MENSA PUZZLE
batsman–weight.

BULL'S EYE
army, harm, HARMONY, hymn, manor, many, roam, wagon, moan, moray, morn, norm.

QUOTE UNCODE
A man of action forced into a state of thought is unhappy until he can get out of it.

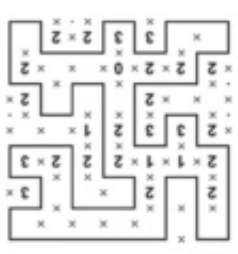
SUDOKU

5	8	1	3	4	6	7	2	9
2	4	6	1	9	7	8	3	5
9	3	7	2	8	5	6	4	1
4	1	5	9	3	8	2	7	6
6	7	3	5	2	4	9	1	8
8	9	2	6	7	1	3	5	4
7	5	9	4	6	3	1	8	2
1	2	8	7	5	9	4	6	3
3	6	4	8	1	2	5	9	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, No, Eon, Cone, On Ice, Coigne, Echoing.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 2 + 5 + 3 = 17
Medium
9 + 3 − 6 + 2 = 8
Hard
2 − 2 + 3 / 7 = 1

LOOP



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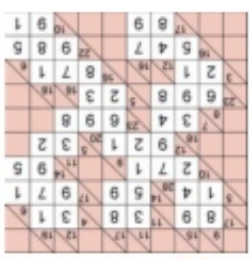

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 # Portrait of an artist Actor Sonu Sood, who is known for his work in films such as 'Yuva', 'Singh Is King', 'Simmba' and several others, is moved by the recent gesture of his fans who made a portrait of the actor from 2,500 kg of rice

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

The crush

Kannada rapper Chandan Shetty revealed that he had a crush on Ragini Dwivedi and was her big fan. He said he watched the Kannada movie Kempe Gowda in which Ragini was paired opposite Sudeep.

"I wanted to say something that I have kept to myself all these years. It is about my crush on Ragini Dwivedi. Today I have decided to tell you all about my crush in front of Ragini. I hope my better half will not mistake me. I am confident I can convince her when I get home," Shetty said at a function organised for screening a special song of the movie Elra Kaaleliyathe Kaala at MMB Legacy on Monday.

Chandan debuts as a hero with the movie. Archana Kottige is the heroine in this retro movie that transports audiences to the 1980s and 1990s. A special song – Tun Tun – was screened. Shetty, Ragini and others shake a leg for this song. Shetty and Mangli have sung this song while Murali is the choreographer and Praveen Pradeep scored music.

"I am happy to be part of this song. I have always been choosy about acting in special songs. I felt very happy when director Sujay Shastry asked me to act in this song. I wish the cast and crew of this movie all the best," said Ragini Dwivedi.

Family harmony

Somu Kengeri debuts as a director in Sandalwood. His maiden Kannada movie is Magale scheduled for release on April 21. Prior to this, he worked as an assistant director.

"I used to work at a telecom company before this, but I quit the job to focus on direction. Magale is my maiden movie as a director," said Somu.

He said he was inspired by his neighbours to write the script. "My neighbours used to quarrel at the drop of a hat. The family consists of three members – father, mother and daughter – but has no harmony. I want to convey a message to society about the importance of a happy family. Many parents quarrel in front of their children without knowing the adverse impact of this on the kids," he said. He said some kids also dislike their parents. "Magale addresses such issues and tries to provide a solution," he said.

Magale has Mackin and Sayuri from Japan as co-producers. "We were struggling to release the movie. Fortunately, Mackin and Sayuri watched our movie and decided to support us to release the movie at theaters on April 21," he said.

A FOOTHOLD

Yami on the importance of having patience to survive in the film industry

Even though Yami Gautam's maiden movie Vicky Donor was commercially successful, the actor, who was a known model before that, took some time to find her footing in the industry. In a recent interview, the Bala actor opened up on how overwhelming your journey can be initially, especially if you don't come from a film background.

Talking to indianexpress.com,Yami said, "You realise as you gain experience and work in the industry that anyone—whether you had a successful first film or not—will take time to get a hold of this industry. There's no other way, especially for someone with my kind of background. Especially when you come with a certain perspective— you don't want to just work, you want to do good work... The whole idea is that you've to survive, be patient, you've to keep working on your perspective- what is it that you want to do? What's the kind of legacy you want, the kind of work you want to do. It's important to ask yourself relevant questions."

The actor, who was last seen in Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga on OTT, said that the difference between then and now was that earlier, it was more about finding work, but now it is just about finding the right work.

She added, "Not that I wasn't looking for a good script back then, but I was just looking for work, looking for something to work out. Thanks to 2019, two of my films, Uri and Bala, resurrected my career, gave me a whole new platform to voice my choices, the kind of films I want to associate with. To restart my journey on that path is the biggest difference today." —ETimes

Skin-deep

Tamannaah Bhatia, who was seen last in 'Babli Bouncer' directed by Madhur Bhandarkar, took to social media and passed on a very important message.

She posted a video and shared that there are days when she doesn't have good skin days.

One could see some break-outs on her face, while she sent out a message to young girls that they should love themselves more on the days when they don't have good skin. She said that there are days when you have not so good skin these days, but she added, "I'm just going to go to work and have a good day and love myself because it doesn't take away from who I am." The actress said that this happens to everyone.

On work front, Tamannaah will be seen next on 'Lust Stories2' with Vijay Varma. As per the rumours, that's when the duo met each other and started dating. However, neither of them have admitted to their relationship. — ETimes

DP off the grid

For those wondering where Deepika Padukone spends her time off the grid, it turns out that the actress is currently touring Bhutan!

According to viral social media posts, Deepika touched down in the Kingdom of Bhutan last week and has been playing the perfect tourist, sightseeing and heading out to popular cafes.

Fans who spotted the actress, took to their social media handles to share her photos. While one click sees her at the airport, another sees her at a cafe.

The actress surely impressed the staff at the cafe, who shared their selfies with her and wrote, " Thank you so much for your visit to Neyphug Heritage, @yourcafebhutan. It's been a great pleasure to serve you and your family! Such a down-to-earth soul."

Another fan also spotted the actress visiting the famous Tiger's Nest monastery. Sharing her selfie with the actress, the lady wrote, "This deserves its own post. I respected her wishes for privacy and graciousness as she is on screen. She is gracious off screen and came up to me when she was ready for a pic."

While Deepika was spotted in the many photos, there was no sign of her husband Ranveer Singh or her sister or parents. —ETimes

Millie is engaged!

Millie Bobby Brown has announced her engagement to boyfriend Jake Bongiovi! The 'Stranger Things' star shared the happy news with all her fans on social media with a monochrome photo that gave us a look at her stunning diamond ring. The 19-year-old beamed with joy as her beau posed with his arms around her shoulder.

"I've loved you three summers now, honey, I want 'em all," Millie captioned the post.

Jake also shared the big news on his page with the caption that read, 'forever'. The couple shared a few photos from their engagement shoot that saw them twinning in white. While Millie rocked a crochet dress, Jake opted for a polo shirt. The announcement comes shortly after fans spotted a ring on the actress' left hand in a post last month. She also sparked speculation in August when she was seen wearing a gold diamond ring on her wedding finger during an outing with her man. —Agencies